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Faculty Senate - Faculty Forum

November 5, 2007

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Eccles Conference Center Auditorium

Agenda

3:00 **Call to Order.....** *R. Douglas Ramsey, Faculty Senate President*

3:02 **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design** *Dr. Larry Hipps*

A short description of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDS) certification process will be presented to inform faculty of the benefits of LEEDS certification of new buildings and major renovations. This topic is in step with President Albrecht's signing of the College and University Presidents Climate Commitment and the Faculty Senates Commendation of the Presidents leadership in this area.

3:15 **Rapid growth of Regional Campuses.....** *Dr. Richard Etchberger*

As a result of House Bill 185, Regional Campuses and other institutions are developing rapidly and their linkage to the Main USU campus is becoming stronger. Are there any concerns by Logan and Regional Campus faculties about this rapid development? How can we best interact with each other?

3:45 **Faculty Salary Compression/Inversion** *R. Douglas Ramsey, FS President*

Salary compression and inversion is a major area of concern for USU faculty. This issue extends across most if not all institutions of higher education nation-wide. Solving this problem is a difficult task. With inflation outpacing most salary increases and competition for new talented faculty increasing between academic institutions and industry, salary compression has become a fact of life for most universities. Are there solutions to this problem? How have other universities addressed this issue? This will be an open discussion between faculty to hopefully identify the severity of the problem and offer guidance to the Faculty Senate to address this issue with the administration.

4:15 **Open Discussion**

This is a time for faculty to bring up any other important issues